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TRIAL OF PIRATES.

HONGWHA GANG KEPT IN SUSPENSE.

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Seventeen alleged Hongwha pirates who have been in military custody at Waichow have enjoyed a new lease of life, thanks to the recent defeat of General Chan Kwong-ming and his subordinates.

On January 16, the s.s. Hongwha, whilst on her way up from Singapore with a large number of native passengers, was pirated by a gang of about thirty armed men, who overpowered the ship's personnel. Subsequently, the steamer put in at Hongkong, where a report was made.

Of the loot, estimated to value about \$10,000, a portion is stated to have been recovered by one of the expedition commanded by one of the officers, with a small force from Hongkong standing by and ready to co-operate if necessary. At present, seventeen men were reported to have been taken part in the attack on the Hongwha. They were taken to Waichow, the capital of the province, for trial.

Since then General Chan has been defeated by the Canton army. Waichow was last reported to be in the hands of a Chan commander.

Meanwhile, the alleged pirates' trial has not been completed and a message to Hongkong states that they will be dealt with as soon as convenient.

Lieut. Commander C. St. C. Incham, R.N., (Liaison Intelligence Officer, Hongkong), was reported to have been present at the operations in this Bay. It was at this Bay where the pirate gang left the Hongwha. One of the larger Police launches was also present when about a hundred of General Hung Shieh-shan's troops swarmed down on the pirate.

According to Captain A. MacKenzie's report, there were 31 pirates who were armed with revolvers, cut-throats and daggers, who broke into the officers' mess

TRADE WITH CANTON.

TALK OF TWO NEW HONGKONG SHIPS.

CONFIRMATION LACKING.

On inquiry this morning, the "China Mail" was informed by the Tung On S.S. Co. that there was no truth in a rumour current in Chinese business circles, that the company had or intended to purchase the s.s. Heungshan which was salvaged after running ashore in the Canton River. The Heungshan is at present being refitted at Taikoo Dock.

According to the rumour, now officially denied, the syndicate had in view the placing of the Heungshan on the Hongkong-Macao run, where she had rendered satisfactory service when owned by the Steamship Co., and before being transferred to the Hongkong-Canton trade—so that another vessel could be released to augment the Hongkong-Kowloon service.

In today's "China News" is a report that Mr. Sung is in course of forming a company with over \$2,000,000 capital to enter the Hongkong-Canton trade. The report goes on to say that two new steamers are being built and will be ready to take the water at the mid-autumn festival. No confirmation of the laying down of these supposed river boats could be obtained when inquiries were made this morning. River shipping experts consider the report "pre-mature."

DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

TRIBUTES BY CHINESE IN CANADA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Ottawa, April 13. Hundreds of Chinese in Toronto, Winnipeg, Victoria, and other cities paraded the street to-day and attended the memorial services for the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Service at Shanghai. Shanghai, April 13. A memorial service held yesterday in honour of Dr. Sun Yat-sen was attended by 5,000 Chinese. Reuter.

SHOT IN THE BACK.

Suspected Armed Robbers Caught.

VILLAGERS VICTIMISED.

An armed robbery was committed at 9 o'clock last night in a hut at Takuling village in the Kowloon City district.

Six men armed with revolvers and daggers forced their way into the hut, threatened the inmates, and stole money and clothing to the value of \$555.

On the entry of the robbers, a small boy slipped away unobserved and made his way to the Police Station, where he made a report.

When the police arrived on the scene, the robbers had left the hut. On carrying out a search of the locality, the police found two men hiding under an embankment. Both the men were taken into custody, one of them having to be shot in the back in attempting to escape.

A dagger was found in the possession of one man.

COOLING BREEZES.

LANTAO AS A SUMMER RESORT.

BUILDING ENTERPRISE.

Plateau Which Might Be a Golf Course.

With summer at hand, the question of handy health resorts again becomes of moment and the claims of that large and towering island Lantao—twice the size of Hongkong—have not been forgotten by prospective summer settlers.

Mention has been made before of pioneer efforts on this island and of the trials and tribulations of the little group of settlers who stuck to their temporary shanties in spite of the harsh treatment meted out to them by the elements. As a result of their perseverance, it was established that it is possible to live, and live comfortably, on the shoulder of one of the two highest peaks at an altitude of about 2,500 feet.

About two dozen sites have been marked out in that region; the limit of the capacity of which in regard to houses has been just

about reached, but there are many other spots at lower altitudes which have as many natural advantages as this, and it is probable that these will be developed in the near future. The "China Mail" hears only to-day of a party which set out this morning by launch with the object of "spying out the land."

The pessimist will talk darkly of the comparative inaccessibility of the island, the lack of conveniences, and even (with bated breath) of the piracy at Tai-O and the possibility of an attack. But as regards the two latter the "China Mail" understands that there was not the slightest difficulty in getting through regular food supplies on the occasion of the first settlement, a well-known Hongkong firm undertaking to deliver to the door. Water, too, is there in abundance. Again, pirates would hardly face the task of walking across country from Tai-O, which is the only place where they could effect a landing, to Tung Chung, and then scaling the heights, to attack a European community, which might be expected to make spirited resistance.

As regards inaccessibility, the present ferry service could be augmented if occasion warranted, in the same way as that to Cheung Chau was when the rapid development took place there. But the intention of the present settlers, it is understood, is not to make Lantao a week-end resort but rather a resort to which one may go for a month or so at a time, and spend as much of the summer in as possible.

Rumour has it that on the plateau which can be discerned at the south end of the island above Tai-O there is a vast expanse of luxuriant green-sward. So the Lantao Golf Course may yet compete for popularity with Fanling! But that, of course, is looking very far ahead. Sufficiently alluring to the settlers who are already "digging in" there must be the prospect of having cooling breezes even on the hottest day in Hongkong.

HARBOUR DANGERS.

NAVIGATION LIGHTS NOT SUFFICIENT.

Through accumulation during the Easter holidays, the Marine Court was very busy this morning, dealing with a large number of offenders from small craft.

His Worship (Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N.) stressed the danger of native craft not carrying the regulation navigation lights by drawing attention to the drowning of a woman last week after a collision between a sampan and a launch.

Each of those who were found guilty of not carrying the proper lights was fined \$15. They included the licensees of two trading junks, a sand junk and, ten others, one of whom had to pay an additional fine of \$5 for anchoring in the southern fairway. For making fast to the s.s. Yue Ying Wa, three cargo boat owners were each fined \$5; two who tried to evade the Water Police launch were fined \$7.

Five dollar fines were imposed on two each for the following offences—causing an obstruction at the Wing Lok Street steps, lying inshore at night without a permit, and tying up to the s.s. Livingstone when there were already five other junks in position.

RABIES SYMPTOMS.

DOG SHOT BY THE POLICE IN KOWLOON.

A dog showing symptoms of rabies was shot by the police in Kowloon yesterday. The owner of the dog is said to be Mr. Swinderson, of No. 5, Pratt Buildings. Another animal, belonging to Dr. Kew, was sent to Kennedy Town for observation after it had bitten an Indian, who subsequently entered the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

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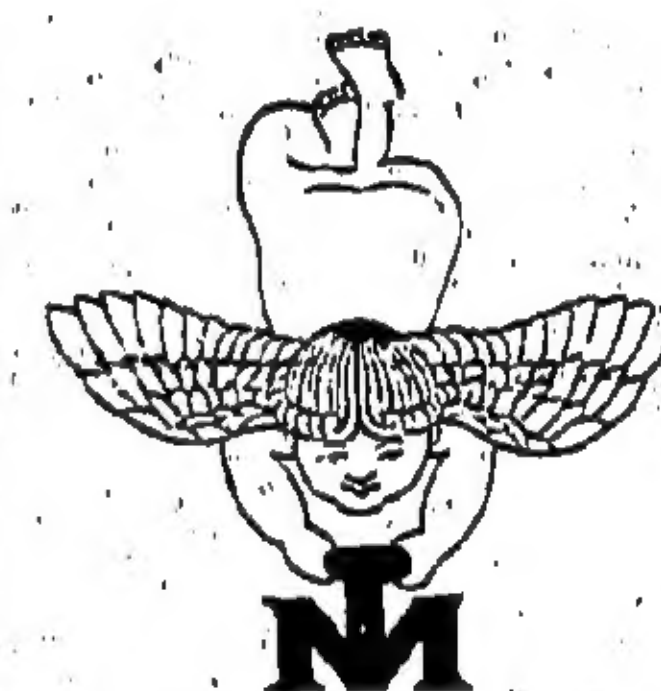
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This photograph taken in Berlin while the body of Friedrich Ebert, late President of Germany, lay in state at the Presidential Palace, was re-broadcast from London by aeroplane, train and boat, and broadcast from Carnarvon, Wales, by radio. This is the first "spot news" picture ever sent across the ocean.



"PRESIDENT EBERT."

PIECEGOODS SLUMP.

REPORTED TROUBLES OF AN OLD FIRM.

After attaining to a position of prominence in the Hongkong piecegoods trade, a Chinese firm is now in difficulties, reports a vernacular paper.

This firm of dealers has been in existence for 58 years and has now been "hard hit" the report says, by the continued slump in piecegoods.

An estimate given by the report puts the total value of stock (presumably in dealers' hands) of piecegoods in Hongkong during the spring as between 30 and 40 million dollars.

The dealer in question is alleged to be a debtor to native bankers to the extent of a little over \$100,000, and to about the same amount in trade debts.

OIL TANK BLAZE.

PROMPT MEASURES.

Prompt measures taken by the employees of the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Company were successful in extinguishing a fire which broke out in a storage tank at their North Point garage yesterday morning.

The tank was slightly damaged and about ten gallons petrol were lost.

Fire equipments arrived on the scene and stood by, but were not called into use.

LATE HU CHING-YI.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

KAI FENG, April 12. Hu Ching-yi's death was caused by general septicæmia connected with cellulitis of the right arm, probably due to streptococcal infection. An emergency operation was performed on the 9th inst., but it proved to be too late. Government institutions are closed; otherwise local conditions are normal.

OIL STOPPAGE.

RESULT OF THE NEW TAX IN CANTON.

STOCKS DECREASING.

Canton will shortly feel the pinch of the oil stoppage, writes the "China Mail" correspondent. Brought about by the Canton Government's decision to levy a tax, the present stoppage is a result of the operating companies reticulating by not letting supplies leave their installations. Watchmen are on duty to see that nothing gets out.

In reply to a query by the "China Mail" one of the A. P. C. (Hongkong) staff who was in Canton during the holidays said that there was no change in the situation. Stocks in Canton were getting lower.

DONE TO DEATH.

GRUESOME FIND IN NEW TERRITORIES.

The discovery of the body of a murdered man in a stream near Shing Mun, Shatin, was reported from the New Territories yesterday.

The body was that of a well-dressed Chinese about 27 years of age.

The police found a revolver and an axe lying near the body.

LOADED REVOLVERS.

A Chinese arrested by the police in Wellington Street last night had in his possession two loaded revolvers.

SHANGHAI QUOTATIONS.

The following, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai Market this morning:

Langkats 20 1/2 Buyers.
Ewos 11 1/2 Buyers.
Shanghai Docks 125 Buyers.
N. Engineering 8 1/2 Buyers.
Oriental 3 1/2 Buyers.
Shanghai Cotton 59 Buyers.

MORE STRIFE.

CLASH IMMINENT IN SZECHUAN.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

PEKING, April 11. There are indications of a clash being imminent between Yang Sen and the rival group of militarists headed by General Liu Hsiang and General Yuan Tsu-ming.

The latter's chief grievance seems to be that Yang Sen is monopolising the revenues of the province, and also the output of the Chengtu Arsenal, instead of sharing them with the various military leaders.

The situation was discussed by the Cabinet to-day, and it was decided to telegraph Yang Sen advising him to treat his colleagues more equitably for the sake of general amity.

A WEMBLEY NOTE.

HONGKONG ATTRACTIONS.

Ceylon, says, "First Fruits of Wembley, some results of the British Empire Exhibition 1924," naturally leads us to Hongkong. An original note was struck in this exhibit which did not fail to attract visitors to the Exhibition. The quaint little shops in the Chinese street were always thronged with people eager to purchase some interesting souvenir of Wembley.

The business done in the street was enormous, the Chinese toys, jewellery, baskets and tea flooding a ready market among people searching for distinctive presents to take home. Great interest was taken in the ivory carvers, kite makers and string workers, and a large and wondering crowd was always to be seen around the man who made beautiful pieces of jewellery from the thickest pieces of kingfisher feathers. The restaurant, too, was enormously popular, the unusual character of its dishes and the weird music proving very attractive to visitors.

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"BOURNA"	6,886	1st May	Shanghai and Kobe.
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"TAIPEA"	7,832	15th May	Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,886	15th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,118	15th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SICILIA"	8,818	15th May	Shanghai and Kobe
"TAKADA"	9,949	15th May	Kobe
"MALWA"	10,841	15th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	7,000	15th June	Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	6,886	15th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,197	15th June	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,502	15th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,884	15th June	Shanghai and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	4th July	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,006	10th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SOUDAN"	6,886	10th July	Shanghai and Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	24th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"RAH MALA"	9,128	7th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SICILIA"	6,813	7th Aug.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,886	8th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"HAKUNDA"	18,227	21st Aug.	Shanghai
"EBIVA"	0,136	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Sept.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,841	18th Sept.	Shanghai and Kobe
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BIRTH.

NASH.—At London, on April 11, the wife of F. E. Nash, of a daughter.

Hongkong, Tuesday, April 14, 1925.

BRITAIN'S AERIAL DEFENCE.

Mail papers to hand yesterday give comprehensive reports of the discussion in the House of Commons on the Air Estimates, in the course of which it was stated that it will in future be left to the Admiralty to prescribe and justify their requirements, which the Air Ministry will supply. The Ministry, however, will retain absolute control of air policy. The case for the Navy as put forward by Commander Bellairs was that the Cabinet should reconsider the whole question and amalgamate the Air Ministry with the Navy—a proposal laughed to scorn by Sir Samuel Hoare, who remarked that whichever service absorbed the other, would have a most indigestible meal! It is, nevertheless, probable that this will come about when the ideal of a Ministry of Defence is realised. Complaint was made that the Ministry does less than it might to encourage aviation, and critics asserted that far too much money is spent on what is called "research" at Farnborough.

The Under-Secretary, Sir Philip Sassoon, was heckled about the helicopter experiments, and his reference to "definite limited strides" being made elicited the derisive query: "Strides on the ground or in the air?" He was

able to confound his critics by relating a valuable new discovery made at Farnborough for guiding aeroplanes to their landing places through fog. A leader cable, charged with electricity, is sunk round the aerodrome. The fog is flooded with light and the illumination gives the pilot his bearings. Instruments on his machine respond to the leader cable, and he comes down with their guidance.

Sir Samuel described the co-ordination which has been established between the Navy, Army and Air Force as very close and cordial, and went on to give the plans of the Ministry for a series of long-distance flights within the Empire. There may be one from the Cape to Cairo and another from Cairo to Lake Chad. These flights will be both useful for showing the flag and serviceable to aviation at less expense than would be involved in following the suggestion made during the debate that Britain should try to win some of the International trophies.

Afternoon Tea.

If America is to adhere to prohibition it is obvious there must be something to take the place of liquor. And it seems very appropriate that an Englishman—one of the country's greatest publicity experts—as witness his efforts during the war—should have spent some profitable time in bringing to the notice of American people, the delightful English institution of Afternoon Tea. In 1924 the sales of Indian tea had increased in the States by 3,000,000 lbs. And there is the admission that afternoon tea is becoming the routine of many large business houses and banks, who have found that it increases the efficiency of their staffs. Early morning tea is also becoming popular. All this, somehow proves a line we once wrote when Limericks were the vogue. It had something to do with tea, and our last line, a non-prize winner though, went something like this:—

No d'ts from tea-leaves, say

T'ts.

But joking apart, this sure is some going. An Englishman convinces Americans that tea is better than "hooch," and the result is that the Indian tea trade is strengthened, and a firmer step forward is made towards cementing the bonds between America and Britain. Hongkong afternoon tea will henceforth for us be a different thing altogether. And that little incident in Boston harbour, when a few cases of Indian tea were consigned to the deep in some involved question of no taxation without representation, begins to fade from the memory.

"Beauty."

Beauty, like sorrow, dwelleth everywhere, an old quotation assures us. On the Kowloon side at any rate it seems to be hidden everywhere. A walk or a ride through the place, and the conviction occurs that much that is being done is cruelly utilitarian—not always that—and that contractors, architects, and Building Authority alike seem devoid of a saving sense of that which should appeal to the eye. A block of flats at the best of times is not usually a lovely thing; and it may be argued that an unlovely thing cannot be made to appear otherwise. But it seems obvious that in the hundreds of edifices that are greeting the sky in and around Kowloon, little, if any, attempt has been made, to make exteriors in line and decoration anything more than will fit the nursery words of—"This is the house that Jack built." Unbeautiful and unattractive are the only strictly true appellations. At Home there is a committee to attend to the beautiful, and to see that old buildings that have a claim to the word, are preserved, and that others of public use, shall agree with it. It is safe to say that the time is coming when nothing will be erected that will not conform to some standard of beauty, no matter whether it be a factory or a flat. And just as much as light and air are agreed as necessities of life, so it will be agreed that the human eye has no right to be offended, and the mind outraged, by nightmares in bricks and mortar. We shudder to think what Kowloon will look like in the next five or ten years; and what conditions those buildings will be in which are now so garish, gruesome and ghastly.

INTERPORT "SOCCER."

RESULT OF SHANGHAI MATCH.

Hongkong's team of Portuguese Interport footballers who are on tour in Shanghai played another game at the Northern port yesterday.

A team picked from the Shanghai and the Hongkong Portuguese Interport teams met the Rest of Shanghai. After extra time, the game resulted in a draw of 2 goals all.

"LITTLE JOHNNY JONES."

Johnny Hines has the starring rôle in "Little Johnny Jones" which will be the attraction of the week at the World Theatre beginning to-morrow. This comedian is credited with possessing an assortment of laughter that is the envy of his rivals and the delight of his audiences. By his ability to gallop through a picture and squeeze his personality into every inch of it, he has rapidly forged to the forefront of screen personalities.

The story is a drama of the turf, of the jockey, Johnny Jones, out to win the Derby race and a sweet heart, and of a gambler who enlists the services of gangsters to foil him in both ambitions.

R. A. SPORTS.

NEW DATES FIXED FOR NEXT MONTH.

After postponement on account of the weather, it has now been decided to hold the Royal Artillery Athletic Sports meeting on May 7 and 8, on the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, commencing at 2 p.m. each day.

VOLLEY-BALL.

HONGKONG TEAM GOES DOWN AT CANTON.

A combined volley-ball team from Hongkong was defeated at Canton on Saturday last, states a correspondent to the China News, a local vernacular paper.

This match was played with the object of picking a team to represent South China at the forthcoming National Games and the following Far Eastern Olympiad. The game was played before a large crowd at the Kwangtung University, the Canton team winning by 21-11, 21-5.

South China A. A. Sports.

On April 25 and 26, the South China Athletic Association of Hongkong will hold its third annual sports meeting at Happy Valley, when there will be one event open to the Colony.

The meeting will have for one of its purposes the selection of candidates for the National Games and representation of China at the Far Eastern Olympic Games to be held at Manila this summer.

An event for Chinese girls is also included in the programme.

Broadcasting Results.

(Reuter's Service.)

MANILA, April 13. The Far Eastern Radio Company has arranged to broadcast the Olympic results on May 16-24 to Hongkong and Shanghai and possibly Japan, through microphones on the ground, giving a running description of the games.

GOLF RESULTS.

FANLING EASTER COMPETITIONS.

Results of the Easter golf competitions at Fanling are as follow:—

Bogey Pool.

Seventy-four cards were taken out. Mr. L. W. Shewan won with a score of 4 up. Mr. R. M. Smith and Captain A. W. Davison tie for second place with scores of 1 down, and divide. Mr. T. D. E. Pendered, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Major Littlejohns, Mr. A. O. Brown and Captain Davison returned scores of 2 down.

Medal Pool.

Fifty-five cards were taken out. Mr. G. A. Benson won with a score of 89-16-73. Mr. R. M. Smith and Mr. W. J. Clerk had scores of 79-3-76 and 90-14-76, respectively, and therefore tie for second place and divide. Other scores returning included Mr. G. Murray 84-7-77, Mr. T. D. E. Pendered 82-3-79, Mr. A. H. Ferguson 84-4-80, Mr. L. S. Dowdell 85-5-80, Mr. W. Galloway 86-6-80, and Captain A. W. Davison 98-18-80.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

TO BE HELD TO-MORROW AFTERNOON.

Under the patronage of H.E. the Governor, who is also Chancellor, the postponed Hongkong University Sports will be held at the Pokfulam ground, commencing at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

A half-mile race, open to the Colony, will be run off at about 5 p.m.

At the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday night, the Kowloon Football Club celebrated their winning of the Hongkong Football Shield competition this season.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Notwithstanding the glowing accounts published in the local Press regarding the present-day so-called representative football matches I cannot entertain for a minute the game of association football in Hongkong is being played any better than it was twenty or thirty years ago.

For real artists with the ball give me the Club team that won the Shield against the King Alfred and the Bedford.

In my opinion the best team that ever did duty for Hongkong is the one which won the interport, here, with Shanghai, some twenty years ago when Dr. P. H. Kow kept goal, Ancoth (if I remember rightly) played back, and Arthur Piercy (also of Jardine's) was one of the halves. Other names of past masters I can recall are those of Williams, headmaster of Victoria School, Wishart and Eager.

What these old-time footballers have forgotten about ball control and science is more than the present generation of all-stars will ever learn in this Isle of Fragrant Streams.

Yours, etc.,

No CAN.

Hongkong, April 14.

SUNDAY CINEMAS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—As recently as March 5, the Manchester Watch Board refused an application by cinema proprietors to open cinema on Sundays.

The exhibitors claimed that Sunday was the most popular cinema day of the week.

The Bishop of Manchester gave as his reason for opposing the application that competition with the churches was not feared but it was desired to keep Sunday as a day of repose.

What have your correspondents to say to this? Is Hongkong merely copying a Home example or is Manchester behind Hongkong?

Yours, etc.,

ECHO.

Hongkong, April 14.

HISTORIC MACAO SKETCH.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Your reproduction of the picture by Chinnery of the East India Company's Superintendent's residence in Macao before Hongkong was ceded has led to a rather interesting discussion.

Those steps on the right look like the approach to the cathedral or church in Macao, which is known to us Chinese as the "clock tower." Not being conversant with the Portuguese language, perhaps some of your Macao readers who understand Chinese may oblige by telling me if I am correct. The street outside the cathedral (or church) is known in the vernacular as "sixteen pillars." Now, on looking at the reproduction, I find that the entrance to the Residence has eight columns each of two distinct pillars. Can it be that the name given by the Chinese was because of these pillars?

Of course, the Residence has since been demolished and Chinese and semi-foreign houses have sprung up. The two figures on the steps look so much like ecclesiastics that I am led to presume that the place or the light is the cathedral not far from the Praya Grande and the present Government House.

Yours, etc.,

CHENG YU-CHAP.

27, Connaught Road West, Hongkong, April 13.



This is the sketch our correspondent mentions. As already stated, it is by George Chinnery, A.R.A. showing on the left the columnar entrance to the Residence of the Superintendent of the East India Company at Macao. The sketch was made about the time of the cession of Hongkong to the British about eighty years ago. Charles Elliot the founder of Hongkong resided here.

YES OR NO?

FRANCE AWAITS M. BRIAND'S REPLY.

PREMIERSHIP IN BALANCE.

Extremists Again Approach Painleve.

Will M. Briand be France's next Premier in succession to M. Herriot—that is still the topic of the hour in the world of politics.

AWAITING ANSWER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 13. M. Briand saw M. Doumergue at noon. He told the Press that he is returning to the Elysee early in the evening when he will give his answer regarding the Premiership.

ACCEPTANCE CONDITIONAL.

London, April 13. There is still no solution to the French crisis. M. Briand's acceptance remains dependent on the socialist Congress to-morrow.

TALK WITH PRESIDENT.

Paris, April 13. M. Briand conversed with the President for 45 minutes in the evening. He returns to the Elysee to-morrow evening to explain the latest development.

Some Radical and Radical Socialist deputies have again approached M. Briand urging him to reconsider his refusal and to try to form a government.

It was reported yesterday that M. Briand had refused the Premiership, saying that he was convinced that any Ministry formed by him would be immediately crushed by the opposition. He was of opinion that the new Premier should be a member of the Left, but someone who was less directly involved in the recent political battles than himself. President Doumergue then summoned M. Briand who indicated that he would give his answer after the conference of Socialists on Tuesday afternoon.

It was stated yesterday that M. Briand takes office as Prime Minister if he will be for the eighth time since he took to politics in 1892 as one of the leaders of the French Socialist Party. The commencement of hostilities in the Great War found him Minister of Justice in M. Viviani's Cabinet; and when he formed his own Government, shortly afterwards the war was in an extremely critical state. Just as that Premiership was confronted with the problems of War, so had his last Ministry to handle the manifold questions which had arisen out of the peace and in his conduct of these he showed himself as a man of wisdom, possessing tact and wisdom in no small measure. It was due in part to the belief that Briand had fallen to great a victim to the charms of the "Welsh enchantment" who represented the interests of Great Britain in the negotiations then proceeding, that the downfall of his Ministry was brought about. Briand is said to

CHINA'S CUSTOMS.

REPORTED GOLD FRANC AGREEMENT.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Peking, April 12. The Waichinpu issued to-night copies of the letter exchanged between the Foreign Minister and the French Minister.

The former, which is dated April 8, draws attention to the decision of the Washington Conference to hold a special Customs Conference in China. It claims that the payment of the French share of the Boxer Indemnity in gold francs and the summoning of this conference are totally different questions, and hopes that the French Government will agree to the ratification of the Washington Agreement as soon as possible so as to permit of the immediate summoning of a special Customs Conference.

The French Minister, in reply, dated the following day, does not mention the gold franc, but informs the Chinese Government that the French Government is willing to hasten by all means the ratification of the Washington Agreement and the summoning of a Customs Conference.

REPORTED AGREEMENT. Later. The French and Chinese authorities still refuse to confirm or deny the reported gold franc agreement.

In view of the former denials, the opinion generally prevails that this indicates that a settlement has been reached. Certain circles also hold the opinion that the Chinese chose the holiday season for the signature of the agreement in order that the news should leak out gradually, and thus lessen the agitation against the agreement.

resemble Mr. Lloyd George not only in bourgeois and Celtic descent, but in temperament and appearance; and it is certain that the two are so alike in disposition that they worked together with mutual comprehension and perfect harmony. M. Painleve was in M. Briand's Government till December, 1916. He was War Minister in M. Ribot's Government and Prime Minister from September to November, 1917. He was well acquainted with all facts about the War and for the year 1917 filled the highest places in the Government, being intimately concerned with all the changes in the French command which occurred during the war and particularly with those that brought Foch and Pétain to the head of affairs.

EARLIER CABLES.

LONDON, April 13. In an interview last night M. Briand informed journalists that he was studying the financial and economic situation very closely and in the morning hopes to be able to give M. Doumergue a definite answer when they meet again at the Elysee at noon.

M. Briand considers it is impossible to form a Ministry without his being assured of strong durable collaboration, and added that if he came into power he would insist on an urgent ratification of the convention with the Banque de France and the necessity for clearing up the financial situation.

He would follow M. Herriot's foreign policy, based on arbitration, security and disarmament. He would maintain an attitude in favour of an Embassy at the Vatican without making it a question of confidence.

SHANGHAI MURDER

FUKIEN NAVY CHIEF KILLED.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

Shanghai, April 12. Following close upon the murder of Tan Hap-ning, ex-Tsuhin of Kwangsi, the "China Press" reports a second political assassination which occurred in Shanghai on Thursday, when Yang Tsai-sung, commander of the First Mixed Brigade of Land Forces of the Fukien Navy, and an intimate of Wu Pei-fu, was shot on board the steamer Ning-shing just as the vessel was leaving Shanghai for Foochow.

One of the members of the deceased's household is being held by the Chinese naval authorities. Yang Tsai-sung had proceeded to Shanghai from Foochow last month in order to go to Hangchow to attend the celebration of Sun Chuan-fang's birthday.

DR. SCHURMAN

FAREWELL TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

Peking, April 12. Dr. Jacob Schurman had a farewell interview to-day with Tuan Tsi-jui, who entertained him at an informal dinner.

Dr. Schurman, who will be the guest of honour of the American Association at a ball to be held to-morrow night, is proceeding South by train on Wednesday morning.

At Peking, Dr. Schurman will be met by Admiral McVey, and he will travel to Shanghai on the flagship Isabel, sailing for America on board the President Jackson on April 19.

On Dr. Schurman's departure from Peking, Mr. Mayer will act as Charge d'Affaires.

MARINE MISHAPS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Port Said, April 13. The s.s. Canton has arrived here unassisted. Her stem is bent to port from forecastle head to forefoot. Temporary repairs are being effected by means of cement boxes. The soya bean bags in number one hold are being discharged in order to examine the forward bulkhead. There is no damage to her cargo and undue detention is not anticipated.

FOOTBALL.

SURREYS DRAW WITH "THE REST."

The exhibition game between the East Surreys (League Winners) and a team chosen from "the Rest" drew a large crowd to the Club ground yesterday afternoon, the result being a goalless draw.

The teams were as under:—
East Surreys.—Douglas, Cooper and Jordan; Petter, Mitchell and Bristowe; Charlesworth, Eaton, Humberstone, Butler, and Mackleworth.

The Rest.—Lau Hing-cheung; Wynne and Bishop; Leung Yuk-tong, J. Stewart and Watson; Harris, Johnstone, Forsyth, Li Wai-tong, and Chan Kwong-ju. Referee, Mr. Spencer; Linesmen, Messrs. Marlett and Smyth. Miss Dorothy Holyoak kicked off for the Surreys and opened the game, which was fast and interesting throughout.

Of the two teams, the Surreys were more aggressive and showed better combination. The shooting of the soldiers was, however, erratic. Eaton in particular falling with some kicks at close range. Jordan and Bristowe played a brilliant game and repeatedly destroyed some good movements of the opposing side. Whistles for offside were frequent during the game. Bristowe netted the ball in the early part from close in, but Eaton was declared offside, the decision being received with rousing cheers by the spectators.

Stewart, Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-ju, were the pick of the Rest team and put in hard work. The Surreys' goalkeeper had a lot to do in keeping some hot shots away. At the other end Lau Hing-cheung had more work to do, and his brilliant defence saved his side from being beaten.

Toward the end of the game, the Surreys were all on their opponents' goal time after time, and they strained very nerve to score until the final whistle sounded.

PRESENTATION.

After the game Mrs. Luard presented the cup and medals. Mr. J. McCubbin, before asking Mrs. Luard to present the trophies, said that the East Surreys had worthily won the league. Their football was at all times good. He hoped that they would be seen at football again next year. He congratulated them on being League champions and South China on being the runners up.

Mr. McCubbin thanked Mrs. Luard for attending that afternoon to give away the cup and medals.

Mrs. Luard then handed the Hongkong Daily Press Cup to Q.M.S. Charlesworth, captain of the East Surreys' team, medals to the East Surreys senior junior teams and runners-up medals to the South China team.

Miss Charlesworth then presented Mrs. Luard with a bouquet of roses in a silver holder, tied with the Club colours, after which three cheers were given for Mrs. Luard.

RIFLE MEETING.

VOLUNTEERS' ALL-COMERS SHOOT.

Yesterday, the last day of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps' rifle meeting, was favoured with good weather at the Kowloon City range.

The all-comers competition resulted as follows, out of a record entry of 144, more than half of whom belong to the Surrey Regiment—

	200 Yds.	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Total
1. Major J. F. Drake (Surreys)	33	31	31	95
2. N. L. Rallison (H. V. D. C.)	32	30	31	93
3. Marine Baker (H.M.S. Tamar)	31	27	33	91
4. Marine Carrington (Stonecutters Range Staff)	31	29	30	90

Range Prizes—200 yards, Ldg. Sma. C. Griggs (H.M.S. Ambrose); 500 yards, Cpl. Green (H. M. S. Ambrose); 600 yards, L/Cpl. Meaker (Surreys).

Revolvers. In the open revolver competition, Marine Baker had another success, scoring a possible, all six shots in the centre of the bull. The results were:—
1. Marine Baker (Tamar).
2. Sgt. Tugwell (Stonecutters Range Staff).
3. Sgt. Carpenter (H.K. Police).
There were very few entries for the Corps revolver competition, which was won by Sapper E. R. Dovey (Engineer Company) with a score of 29 out of a possible 30.

DAMAGE TO RHESUS.

(Reuter's Service.)

PORT SAID, April 13. The s.s. "Rhesus" is ashore in thirty feet of water; she is holed on the port side above her bilge keels, horizontally about twelve feet by one. The engine-room is full of water, and it is feared she is making a little in number six hold. Temporary repairs are being effected in the hope of bridging her into Port Said.

MONEY TO LIVE.

LABOUR PARTY'S NEW SHIBBOLETH.

CIVILISATION'S NEEDS.

Move Denounced By Ramsay MacDonald.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald asserted, at the annual Conference of the I.L.P., that if a Bill were introduced into the House of Commons to determine the living wage, based on the needs of civilised existence, it would not last half an hour.

COMMISSION APPOINTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Gloucester, April 13. On re-assembling, the annual Conference of the Independent Labour Party passed a resolution in favour of a national commission to determine what is a living wage based on the needs of civilised existence.

Later, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that if a Bill on these lines were introduced into the House of Commons it would not last half an hour.

Replying to critics, he said that it was insufficient to express sound ideals. They had got to help provide a sound method of applying those principles.

Presiding at the annual conference of the Independent Labour Party, which was opened in Gloucester on Sunday, and attended by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and practically all the prominent members of the Party, Mr. Clifford Allen urged that Labour should unitedly demand the national living wage dictated by the needs of civilised existence and not depending upon the varying fortunes of each industry.

GOOD WORK.

KIDNAPPERS' GANG BROKEN UP.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

SHANGHAI, April 12. The China Press reports that the activities of a gang of kidnapers, who during a period of years are alleged to have stolen hundreds of children, are believed to have been broken up through a raid made by the Chinese constabulary on what is believed to have been the gang's headquarters in a village located on Tsunming Island.

Four men were arrested on charges of kidnapping after they had vainly tried to beat off the constabulary by firing.

Eight children, believed to be victims of the kidnapers, have been released.

MAY DAY.

JAPAN SANCTIONS PROCESSIONS.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

TOKYO, April 12. The police have sanctioned a May Day procession of about 30,000 conditionally that the paraders shall not carry flags, banners or sticks, and that no revolutionary songs be sung.

Korean and other colonial workmen are prohibited from participating.

TUPAN OF HONAN.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

PEKING, April 12. It is understood that the Government contemplates appointing Sun Yueh Tupan of Honan and Yu Wei-chun Civil Governor.

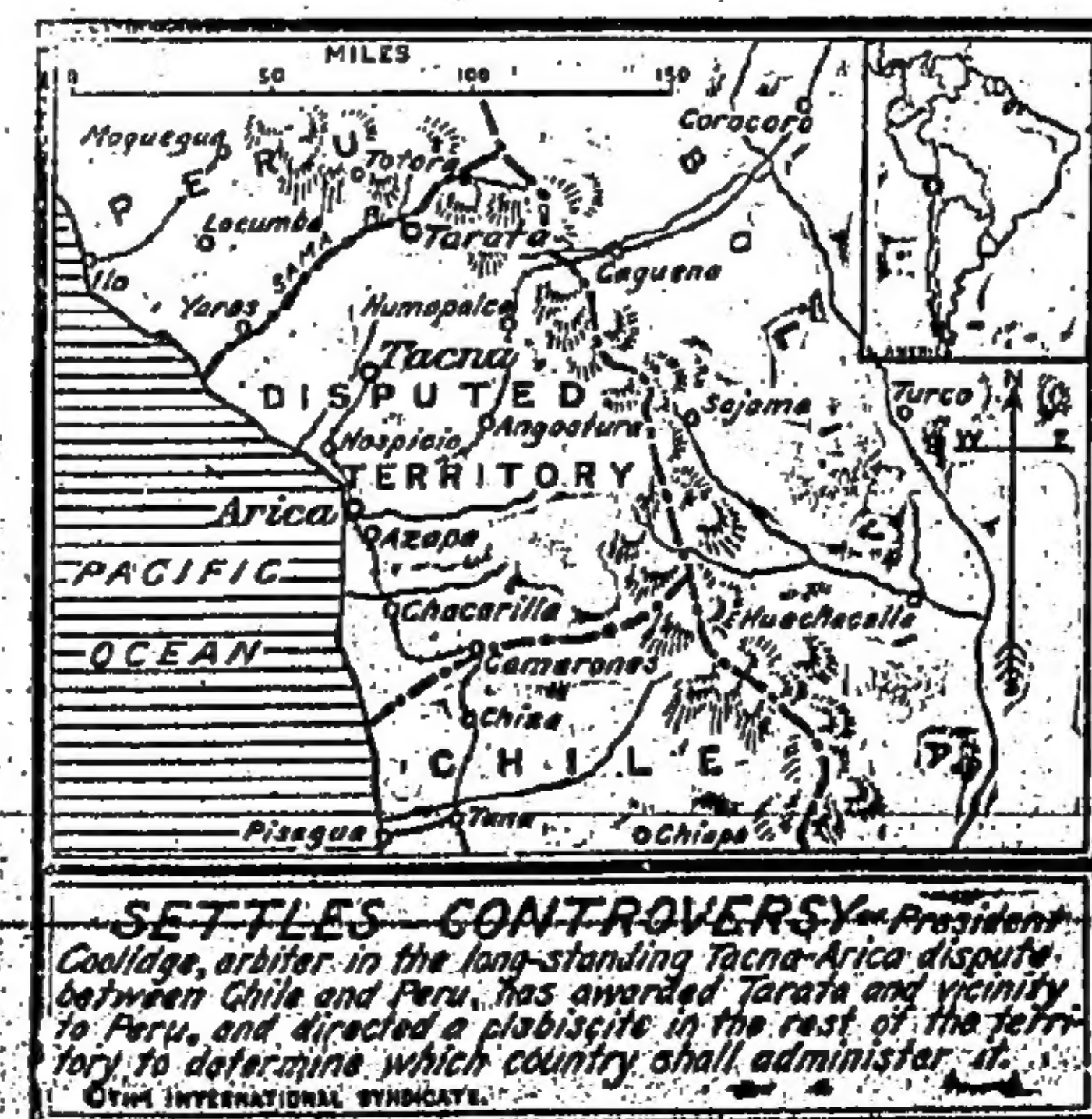
The Government are reported to have wired to Feng Yu-shiang asking his opinion regarding these appointments.

OBITUARY.

BARON HIRATA.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Tokyo, April 14. Baron Hirata, ex-Privy Seal, died this morning.



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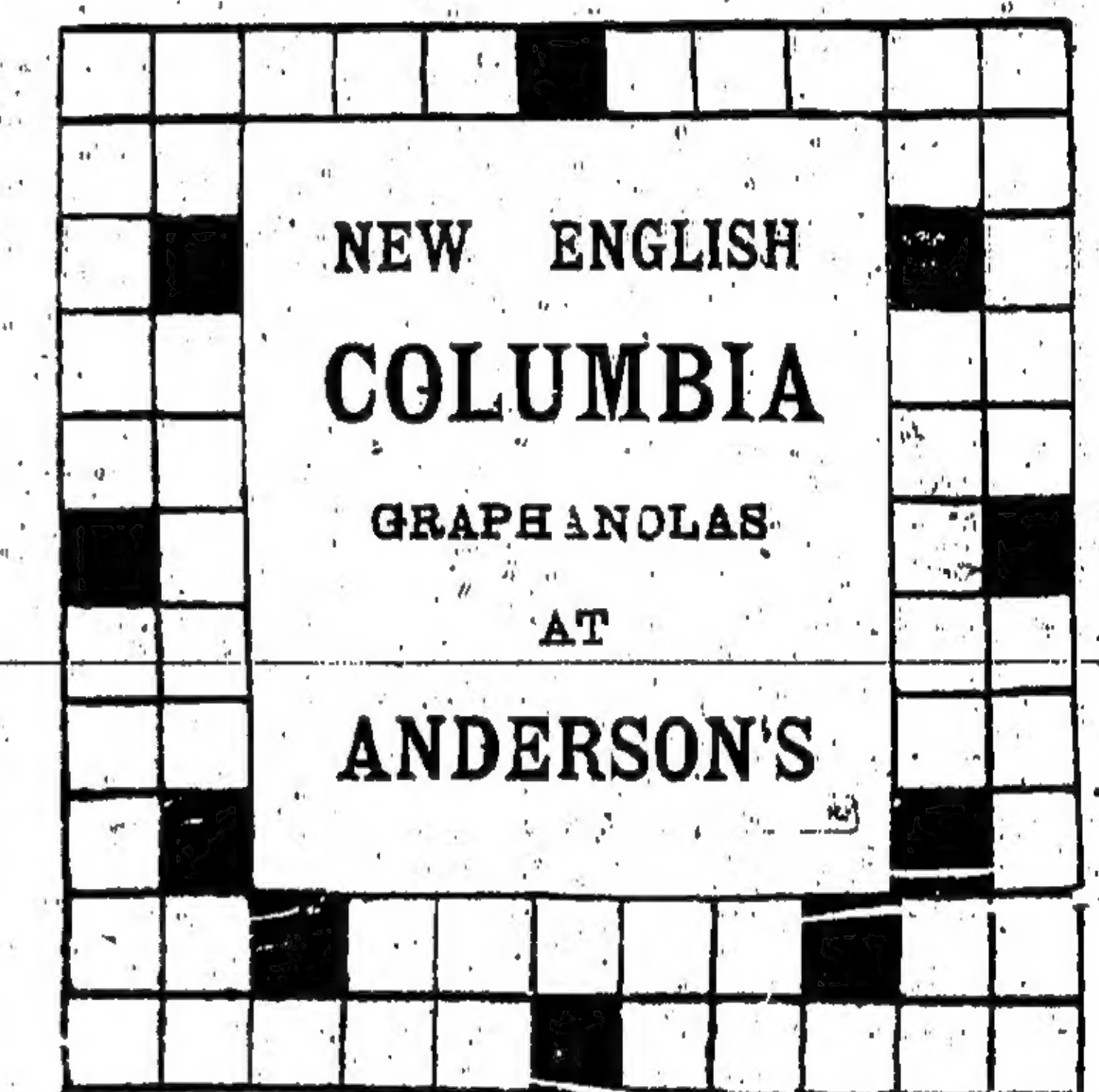
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The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. W. Logan, and Mr. G. E. Welton returned from Swatow on the Hai Ning yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Gorman Anderson arrived in the Colony yesterday from Mengtze, Yunnan province. Mr. Anderson has been transferred to the Customs at Shanghai and he and his wife will leave for that port tomorrow. Mrs. Anderson, well-known as Stella Benson, the writer, leaves later for England.

The Annual Inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, by His Excellency The General Officer Commanding, will take place on Murray Parade Ground at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 17. Families and friends of Volunteers may use the matched, which has been lent for the purpose by the courtesy of the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment. They should be in their seats by 5.45 p.m.

The bridge and Mah-jong tournament at the Villa Kewbeck, Cannes, was most successful. The prizes were awarded by the ex-Queen of Portugal. The Grand Duke Cyril of Russia and Lady Hulton were among the prize-winners. The gathering included the Duke of Connaught, the Grand Duke Michael and the Countess Torby, Princess Philippe de Bourbon, Princess Ghika, Lord and Lady Chelysmore, Lord Wolverton, Lady Conis, Maude Lady Orlewia, Miss Paget, Lady Mandelberg, Sir John Rutherford, Sir Alan Johnstone, and many others.

Captain Birss of the s.s. "Sui An" was entertained to dinner by the officials of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, prior to his departure from Home on retirement, on Thursday next on board the s.s. "Lung Shan" on Saturday last. Covers were laid for 35 guests, among whom were the executive officers of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and the Steamboat Company, Mrs. Birss and many personal friends. Mr. J. Arnold, Secretary of the Steamboat Co., was in the chair. Captain Birss replied briefly to the many speeches made, thanking all those who had expressed such good wishes and hoping that on some future occasion opportunity would arise for him to make a more concrete return.

The Duke of Connaught entertained at Beaulieu, his Riviera villa, the hundred and forty young Australian boys who are making a tour of the world. The boys arrived in motor-cars from Nice.

The members of the Ipoh Golf Club, in general meeting, have decided to raise a loan of from \$15,000 to \$20,000 with which to build a new wing to the Club, which is rapidly growing in popularity.

Judge Milton D. Purdy of the United States Court for China is at Dr. Fearn's Sanatorium, Shanghai, recuperating from an operation for removal of his tonsils. Judge Purdy withstood the operation well and his condition is quite satisfactory, according to attending physicians.

The strangest wedding present ever given to a stage artist is probably that which the management of the Duke of York's presented to Marjorie Spiers, when she married Aubrey Hillmann, the young ex-Guardsman, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Usually, there is a Tuesday matinee at the Duke of York's, but as all the company wanted to go, Archie de Bear decided to close the theatre for the afternoon. This cost the management \$200, and gave the lucky actress the joy of seeing all her friends in church.

In the Canadian Commons a Bill to place women on an equality with men, in regard to grounds for divorce, has been read a second time by 109 votes to 69. Miss Agnes Macphail, the only woman M.P., said:—"I would suggest a splendid way out of this difficulty of marriage. It is my way. Stay out! When in doubt, say No. I doubt the sincerity of men who speak of woman as 'The Angel of the Home.' I don't want to be an angel in any home. I want equality. Then we shall take turns at being angels."

Arthur Brown, a tailor, who works in that exclusive strip of Piccadilly, Burlington Arcade, is pressing upon his customers a pair of braces to every suit he makes. They are, he explains, to be kept for that particular suit. "What is the use of me making you some good clothes when you don't wear them right?" he asks. "The trousers are all right when you leave me, but then you wear some other wrongly adjusted braces with them." So every suit leaves his hands with braces buttoned to it, the braces being firmly adjusted so that the wearer can never spoil the tailor's work.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"The Mysticism of Religion" will be the subject of this week's Public Meeting of the Hongkong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday, April 15, at 5.45 p.m. The Public are invited.

In the theatre Saint Joan continues her triumphant progress. The play was given for the 300th time on Wednesday, March 4, and over 400,000 people have already seen it acted. To this must be added at least 3,000 people in Hongkong.

A Canadian expedition which will attempt the ascent of Mount Logan (19,539 feet) in the Yukon, and the loftiest peak in Canadian territory, is to leave Vancouver this month. It will be headed by A. H. McCarthy and Col. W. W. Foster of Vancouver, the latter a Past-President of the Canadian Alpine Club, and six other gentlemen, including a representative of the English Alpine Club, will complete the party.

The Royal Society of St. George, founded in 1894, with over 100 branches, has hitherto had a hand-to-mouth existence. In order to consolidate its position and make it financially secure, an appeal is now being made to all men and women of English birth or origin for £10,000. The Society has constantly advocated the direct teaching of patriotism in schools of every grade as the surest means of inculcating loyalty to the constitution and combating Bolshevik propaganda.

4,000,000 lbs. of beef were served last year to Canadian Pacific patrons of the various services of the Company. Flour used for other purposes than the making of bread amounted to 5,000,000 lbs. 11,000,000 eggs, 6,000,000 lbs. of potatoes, 1,722,000 lbs. of poultry, 1,842,128 oranges and 378,332 lbs. of coffee are some of the other items which figure in the bills of the commissariat. Fresh milk was used to the extent of 1,500,000 quarts and 500,000 quarts of cream were required also. A large part of the food supplies is drawn from the Company's own farms at Strathmore, Alta., where an enormous herd of cattle, thousands of chickens and other poultry, and hundreds of hogs are maintained, fed largely with grain, etc., grown on the farm.

As from to-day, the "Overland China Mail" (weekly summary of the "China Mail") will be ready every Friday morning so that subscribers will have ample time to catch the mail for Home. Application for copies should be made to the office of the publishers ("China Mail" building).

The late Marquis Curzon, speaking in the House of Lords on March 4, pointed out that "the generous gift of only one of our smaller possessions, Hongkong, would more than cover the first year's total expenditure on the Singapore base." The estimate for 1925-26 is \$204,000.

A very intelligent Moor once gave the following picturesque explanation of an earthquake:—"The earth rests on one huge fish at the bottom of the sea. A special fly settles on the fish's nose, from constant contemplation of which it has become blind. When the ox is tired of having the world on one horn, he shifts it over to the other—which jars things!"

R. G. Ainsworth and several employees of Henry Ford's Los Angeles plant, who were held recently on suspicion of having received property stolen from the plant, were set at liberty as the result of a telegram received from Mr. Ford. The message directed the plant officials to "make men out of our employees, not felons," and instructed them that "if you must prosecute, do so only with the ringleaders." Appearance of the telegram in Justice Court was followed by dismissal of the case.

Lectures on Shakespeare have proved popular with inmates of the Birmingham city prison where education work was taken up recently by the jail visiting committee which hopes to enlarge the viewpoint of the men and women and make them better fitted to gain employment upon their release from jail. The lectures are given twice each week. Shorthand has been taught with great success; it was announced, and four proficiency certificates have been granted to inmates since the system was inaugurated a few weeks ago.

"If we don't keep fit," said the Prince of Wales the other day, "we are of very little use for our work or for anything else."

Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P., attended the levee following the second Parliamentary dinner of the Session given by the Speaker on March 6.

R. Tilbury, 68, a Bromley postman who has retired after 38 years' service, has walked over 800,000 miles and has never been late or had a bad mark.

Two Entrance Scholarships of the value of £10 a year for three or five years, according to the course taken, are offered for competition at London University to students intending to enter the School of Architecture in October next.

Mr. W. S. Sands, Inspector of furniture at Buckingham Palace, who left £9,000, directs the executors to offer to Queen Mary his William and Mary chest of drawers, a small French bureau, and a Louis XVIII settee, "which I would like her to accept."

The appointment of Mr. James Blair as manager of the London branch of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, had a happy sequel, when the staff and their wives were entertained at dinner at the Trocadero Restaurant. The opportunity was taken of also congratulating Mr. S. A. Cox on his appointment as a sub-manager.

Col. Pedro Zanni, the well-known Argentine airman, gave a dinner to a number of his Kobe friends at the Oriental Hotel. Mr. Rollini, the Argentine Consul was one of the guests. Toasts were proposed wishing Col. Zanni, Lieut. Velo and Mr. Beltrame, the mechanic, every luck in their forthcoming attempt to complete the round-the-world flight.

That Sir Oliver Lodge can attract men to church is shown by the audiences assembling at Greyfriars to hear his Lenten lectures on "Reality." The learned lecturer with his scrupulous care, noted the scarcity of ladies at the first of the series, and addressed his auditors as "Men and Brethren." "Isn't he wonderful!" was a worshipper's comment on emerging dazed, as all were, with the scientific explanation of the "ether body" which everyone is assumed by Sir Oliver to possess. The impression had "reality" enough to make one feel uncanny.

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FOOTBALL.

HOME LEAGUE RESULTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 13.

Today's matches in the English and Scottish Leagues resulted as follows:

DIVISION I.

Cardiff City	2	Sunderland	0
Everton	3	Preston N.E.	0
Manchester C.	1	Aston Villa	0
Notts C.	2	Burnley	0
Sheffield U.	1	Newcastle U.	0
W. Bromwich	2	Arsenal	0
West Ham U.	0	Liverpool	0
Blackburn R.	0	Notts F.	0

SECOND DIVISION.

Barnsley	1	Fulham	0
Cheltenham	0	Manchester U.	0
Derby C.	0	South Shields	0
Hull City	2	Port Vale	1
Middlesboro	1	Portsmouth	1
Southampton	0	Leicester City	0
Stockport	1	Crystal Palace	1
Wimbledon	3	Stockport	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN SECTION).

Aberdare	4	Bournemouth	2
Bristol C.	2	Plymouth	2
Exeter City	1	Bristol R.	1
Luton	1	Brentford	1
Millwall	1	Charlton	0
Norwich	0	Gillingham	0
Queen's Park R.	2	Northampton	0
Southend	3	Reading	0
Swansea	1	Newport	0
Swindon	3	Brighton	0

NORTHERN SECTION.

Barnsley	3	Chesterfield	0
Bradford	3	Darlington	0
Grimsby Town	6	Tranmere R.	1
Hull City	3	Rochdale	2
Hartlepool	0	N. Brighton	3
Nelson	0	Crews A.	1
Rotherham	0	Wrexham	1
Southport	3	Doncaster	0
Walsall	2	Lincoln	0
Wigan	2	Barrow	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Queen's Park	4	Aberdeen	1
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LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

The position in the English and Scottish Football Leagues up to and including April 12 is as follows:—

DIVISION I.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
West Brom.	37	22	8	7	56	31	51
Hudders.	37	10	13	6	25	51	25
Bolton	37	10	8	10	66	32	48
Newcastle U.	40	16	8	16	61	39	48
Liverpool	38	19	10	9	60	49	47
Bury	39	18	10	10	63	36	46
Sunderland	39	19	14	6	60	44	44
Notts County	39	15	11	13	40	28	42
Tottenham	39	14	13	12	51	41	40
Birmingham	39	14	13	12	51	40	40
Sheffield U.	39	14	13	12	51	40	40
Blackburn	38	11	15	12	49	52	34
Everton	39	11	17	11	37	55	33
Burnley	39	11	18	10	44	68	32
Aston Villa	37	10	15	12	49	64	30
Leeds U.	38	9	17	12	41	53	30
Arsenal	38	12	11	5	29	55	29
Nottingham	39	7	21	11	29	60	25
Preston N.E.	39	10	24	5	36	69	25

DIVISION II.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Leicester	38	22	7	9	84	30	53
Derby	39	22	8	9	68	32	51
Manchester U.	38	21	8	9	51	22	51
Portsmouth	39	14	9	16	52	47	44
Chelsea	38	15	10	13	47	33	43
Wolverhampton	38	18	15	5	50	45	41
Hull City	39	14	14	11	49	43	39
Port Vale	38	16	15	7	40	37	37
Fulham	38	14	15	9	37	50	37
Middlesboro	39	10	12	17	34	41	37
Clapton O.	37	13	15	10	39	40	36
Bradford C.	37	12	13	12	35	41	36
Stockport	39	13	16	10	35	48	36
Southampton	38	11	11	14	32	33	36
South Shields	38	11	14	13	39	35	35
Wednesday	39	14	19	6	44	53	34
Cry Palace	39	12	17	10	36	38	34
Oldham	39	11	17	11	30	49	33
Blackpool	37	12	17	8	54	52	32
Stoke	39	11	18	10	31	43	32
Barnsley	37	10	17	10	41	57	30
Coventry	37	10	20	7	42	77	27

DIVISION III.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Plymouth	38	21	9	8	68	37	50
Swansea	38	20	8	10	63	33	50
Bristol C.	39	20	10	9	54	36	49
Millwall	38	17	9	13	56	36	47
Swindon	38	18	10	11	58	35	46
Exeter	39	18	12	9	56	43	45
Newport	38	18	12	8	56	30	44
Brighton	39	17	15	8	54	44	44
Northants	38	18	15	5	45	37	41
Southend	37	17	15	5	48	39	40
Gillingham	39	12	14	13	34	42	37
Watford	38	14	16	8	33	36	36
Norwich	37	12	13	12	45	44	36
Charlton	38	12	15	11	39	43	35
Reading	36	13	14	9	33	30	35
Aberdare	39	14	18	7	51	60	35
Luton	40	9	15	16	44	56	34
Bournemouth	38	12	18	8	37	51	32
Bristol R.	39	10	16	13	39	45	32
Queen's P.R.	37	11	18	8	35	60	31
Brentford	39	9	23	7	35	83	25
Merthyr	38	8	25	5	32	65	21

DIVISION III.

Northern Section.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Darlington	38	24	6	8	77	27	56
Nelson	38	22	10	6	73	39	50
Bradford	39	17	9	13	81	40	47
Southport	37	20	10	7	54	31	47
N. Brighton	37	19	11	7	69	47	45
Rochdale	38	18	13	7	65	51	43
Chesterfield	38	15	13	10	54	39	40
Lincoln	39	16	16	7	53	56	39
Ashington	39	14	15	10	64	73	38
Halifax	38	14	14	10	50	48	38
Crews	39	12	14	13	49	71	37
Grimsby	38	14	15	9	55	53	37
Wigan	38	13	14	11	56	60	37
Barrow	38	15	17	6	46	60	36
Walsall	39	13	16	10	41	45	36
Doncaster	38	11	14	13	41	65	35
Accrington	37	13	16	8	56	66	34
Wrexham	39	13	18	8	46	58	34
Doncaster	39	12	18	6	50	63	33
Tranmere	37	13	21	3	54	75	30
Hartlepool	38	9	19	10	41	62	28
Rotherham	38	6	25	7	38	79	19

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	36	24	3	9	74	25	57
Airdrieonians	36	25	5	6	85	31	56
Hibernians	37	22	7	8	78	41	52
Celtic	35	17	11	7	70	43	47
Partick T.	36	14	12	10	58	55	38
Cowdenbeath	38	17	14	10	73	65	37
Dundee	35	14	14	7	45	50	35
Hamilton A.	36	16	18	3	53	57	35
St. Mirren	35	15	16	4	58	61	34
Raith R.	35	11	15	9	49	57	33
Aberdeen	36	11	15	10	45	54	33
Hearts	37	11	15	11	63	68	33
St. Johnstone	36	11	14	11	56	67	33
Morton	36	11	16	0	41	64	31
Falkirk	36	11	17	8	42	49	30
Kilmarnock	36	10	17	9	47	63	29
Motherwell	36	10	17	0	53	60	29
Queen's Park	36	11	18	7	47	69	28
Third Lanark	37	10	19	8	49	74	28
Ayr United	37	10	19	8	42	65	28

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

FRANCE V. ENGLAND.

EXCITING FINISH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 13.

The Rugby football international was played to-day in fine weather in the presence of 30,000 spectators. The Colombes Stadium ground was hard. Nine minutes from the start Luddington scored a beautiful goal from a mark. Four minutes later a combined movement by the English outside forwards ended in Wakefield securing a try, which Luddington converted. The Frenchmen were playing hard and tackling well. The Englishmen were mostly getting the ball from scrums. After a fine run by Dumanoir, Piquiral got a try, which Ducoussou converted. Shortly before the interval Wickes scored a try, and Luddington converted. Half-time:—
England 13 points.
France 5 points.

In the second half the Frenchmen were mostly attacking. They showed superior speed and scored twice through Cluchague, but neither try was converted. The closing stages were most exciting, there being a series of scrummages close to the English line, but just before the end Corbett cleared. Result:—
England 13 points.
France 11 points.

"BODY AND SOUL"

"Body and Soul" will be seen to-day at the Queen's Theatre. Local cinema-goers have seen Miss Alice Lake in successful pictures such as the fisher girl in "Should a Woman Tell" and the not dissimilar but more ambitious role in James A. Herne's "Shore Acres." This forthcoming screen production, a story of a girl artist student in Paris, will give the young actress a character rather different, it is understood, a departure from the girl-in-gingham parts. It is a romance of the Latin Quarter, and Miss Lake, say those who have seen the picture, proves as piquant in the Parisian atmosphere as if she had been born and raised within a stone's throw of the Seine.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

With the weather much improved, yesterday's races—the second day of the third extra meeting—were highly successful except, possibly, for the majority of punters who followed current form. More, "upsets" to the talent were recorded and it was only in the last race of the day that the favourite bore out expectations. There were not so many unusual big dividends but the returns on the "tote" were well above the average, and Mr. Nemaze, riding Curiosity Shop in the big event, brought \$207.50 to each of his forty backers.

After many disappointments since the annual meeting, Mr. H. P. White's griffin Gypsy Love showed that he has greatly improved with training and, with Mr. Doyle in the saddle, lowered the course record of 58.2/5 seconds for half a mile set up by Mr. John Peel's Ah Mee in 1921, by finishing in 58 seconds "dead." To add further interest, some of those which had been firm favourites on Saturday were not sent out. Others which had romped home were displaced. H.E., the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs) was an interested spectator. Ridden by Mr. Doyle in the final event, H.E.'s Gaudie ran third, thanks to a tremendous effort by the rider who has earned place money in the last three outings. Results in detail were as follow:—

1.—BANSTEAD PLATE: HALF MILE.—For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. H. P. White's Gypsy Love, 155lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 1
Mr. Dynasty's King of the Plains, 155lbs. (Mr. Davies) 2
Mr. Warrack's Rayfield, 152 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 3
Mr. Bagram's Phenomenal Dahlia, 158 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 4
Also ran: Alcantra (Mr. da Roza), Jumbo (late Stunner Dahlia) (Mr. Pollock), Rothsay (Lt.-Cdr. Thompson), Toomai (Capt. Hall), The Critic (late Critic Dahlia) (Mr. Sewell), Uncle Tam (Mr. Buck), Gyp (Capt. Ospring).

2.—TATTENHAM PLATE: ONE MILE.—For Subscription Griffins of any season that have never won an Official Race, whether starters or not. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: \$300. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. H. P. White's Scarecrow, 149lbs. (Lt.-Cdr. Thompson) 1
Mr. Wayfoong's Quab, 155lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 2
Mr. J. H. Taggart's Jimmy Lad, 155lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 3
Also ran: Lumbie (Mr. Harriman), 3 lengths; 2 lengths. Time: 33.5-5; 1.11; 1.43.3-5; 2.14.4-5.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$19.20. Places: 1, \$7.30; 2, \$5.90. Cash Sweep:—Nos. 295, \$2,210.60; 331, \$681.60; 260, \$315.80.
Unplaced Pony (\$50 each):—No. 674.

3.—KEMPTON SELING PLATE: SEVEN FURLONGS. For all China Ponies. If entered to be sold for \$600 5lbs. penalty, if to be sold for \$500 weight for inches as per scale, if to be sold for \$400 allowed 5lbs., and if to be sold for \$300 allowed 10lbs. Special allowance: non-winning Subscription Griffins of 1925 allowed 5lbs. Jockey allowance. Allowances accumulative. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. Bagram's Magnificent Dahlia, 148lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 1
Mr. H. Birkett's Baby Eyes, 144lbs. (Lt.-Cdr. Thompson) 2
Mr. Dynasty's King Emperor, 148 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 3
Mrs. R. M. Austin's Grey Streak, 152 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 4
Also ran: New York (Mr. Sewell), 3 lengths; 4 lengths. Time: 16.1-5; 47.1-5; 1.18.3-5; 1.50.

The winner was bought, in at \$500.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$22.80. Places: 1, \$8.80; 2, \$8.30. Cash Sweep:—Nos. 189, \$2,468.90; 433, \$706.40; 788, \$382.70.
Unplaced Ponies (\$50 each):—Nos. 252, 417.


4.—GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP: ONE AND A HALF MILES.—For China Ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: \$500. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. Ferndud's Curiosity Shop, 156lbs. (Mr. Nemaze) 1
Mr. B. D. F. Beigh's Grey Knight, 160lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 2
Mr. A. A. Alves' Golden Chrysanthemum, 153lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 3
Mr. A. H. Carroll's Gold Leaf (late English Money), 161lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 4
Also ran: Spotted Sand (Mr. Davies), Uncle Alf (late Primrose) (Mr. Davies), Uncle Alf (late Primrose Leaf) (Mr. Buck), Beauty Dahlia (Mr. Sewell), Beldorney Star (Lt.-Cdr. Thompson), Duke of Frisco (late Silver Leaf) (Capt. Hall).
1 1/2 lengths; 4 lengths. Time: 35; 1.07.2-5; 1.39.1-5; 2.12.3-5; 2.45.3-5; 3.16.2-5.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$207.50. Places: 1, \$33; 2, \$11.40; 3, \$12.30. Cash Sweep:—Nos. 509, \$5,325.60; 926, \$1,525.60; 54, \$760.80.
Unplaced Ponies (\$100 each):—Nos. 318, 778, 586, 643, 965, 760.

5.—WESTMINSTER STAKES: ONE MILE.—For China Ponies Griffins of this season. Winners barred. Ponies placed second 5lbs. extra. Ponies placed third 2lbs. extra. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowance. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

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View of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, showing the bay and surrounding hills.



Prince Ury Nicholas Troubetzkoy, son of Prince and Princess Nicholas Troubetzkoy, who were exiled from Russia, who is now in New York, has gone to California, where he will start a career as a screen star.



Miss Emily Barberi, 21 years of age, is in a serious condition at her home in Woodcliff, N.J., as the result of an attack upon her by an unknown man who halted her near her home, felled her with a piece of iron, and attempted to kidnap her.

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Mrs. Lottie D. Dempsey, for three months the wife of Hiram Dempsey and therefore the step-mother of Jack Dempsey, world's champion heavyweight, willingly admits in her Los Angeles home that Jack is soon to have a step-sister or step-brother.

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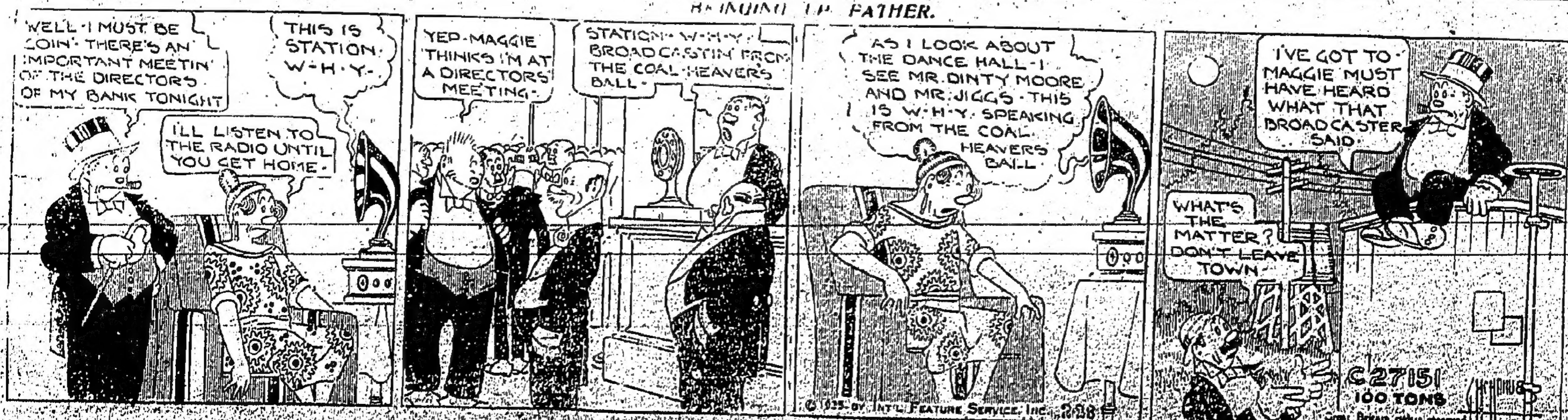
Miss Olympia Macri, an 18-year-old music student who confessed to killing John Bagnano, alias John Bunyon, a "sheik" of the New Haven cabarets. Miss Macri's father told the police that Bagnano, who is married, took his daughter for an automobile ride, and attacked her. Since then Bagnano has avoided the girl. They met, however, on a crowded street corner, and then the girl whipped out a pistol and fired three shots, one of which killed Bagnano.



Sir Esmé Howard presented Commander Dorr S. Tozier (above) with a gold mounted sword granted 23 years ago by King Edward as an award for discovering a lifeboat of the s.s. Condor, which sank off Vancouver Island with 11 on board, with no traces left. Tozier, then in command of a coastguard boat searching for the Condor, found the lifeboat in the possession of an Indian chief, who gave up the boat for his sword.



Equal rights for peeresses are being sought by Viscount Astor, who introduced a Bill to give seats in the House of Lords to women holding peerages in their own names. When Henry Claws, Jr., grand-son of the late millionaire New York banker, sailed for Europe, Baroness Vera Leightner, dancer and Miss Vera Leightner, were left on the dock, though they declared Claws had invited them to go as his guests, but failed to furnish tickets. Colonel Robert E. Olds, has accepted a position on a League of Nations committee to report on a plan for forming an international federation of mutual assistance in the relief of peoples overtaken by disaster.



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